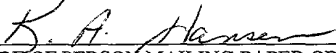


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request preliminary amendments be made to the specification of the United States patent application identified above and provided herewith. The proposed amendments are made to a copy of the original specification of the United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/255,673 filed 23 February 1999 from which the present application claims priority. Applicants respectfully submit that the requested amendments do not add any new matter into the present application.

Applicants include herewith a redline version of the original specification showing the proposed amendments, a copy of the same specification with the proposed changes incorporated directly therein, and formal version of the drawings. Please note that after the preliminary amendment the present application includes thirty-six (36) claims total, of which

four (4) are independent and zero (0) are multiple dependent. The fees are calculated on the amended claim set.

Respectfully submitted,

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